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QUOTE

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SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE REFUGEES ON BURMESE FREIGHTER

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL CALLED AFTERNOON OF JULY 10 AND SAID BURMESE GOVERNMENT'S FIVE STAR LINE FREIGHTER "AVA" EN ROUTE FROM SINGAPORE TO HONG KONG HAD PICKED UP ON HIGH SEAS SOUTH OF VIET-NAM BOATLOAD OF 98 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES. HONG KONG AUTHORITIES HAVE REFUSED TO LET FREIGHTER ENTER HARBOR, AND IT IS NOW STANDING OFF HONG KONG. FREIGHTER CAPTAIN HAS ASKED GUB FOR INSTRUCTIONS, AND GUB IS IN TURN ASKING US WHAT THEY SHOULD DO WITH THE REFUGEES.

2. WE TOLD FOREIGN MINISTRY WE WOULD SEEK IMMEDIATE INSTRUCTIONS AND REPLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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3. PLEASE ADVISE.

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